

HOPE AND MEANING



*Immersion baptism of Christ, 13th century,
cathedral baptistery at Florence, Italy*

*a scripture guide
with messianic prophecies fulfilled*

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How To Use This Guide

If you want to help someone decide to become a Christian, ask the person to read the scriptures aloud from this guide book or from the Bible. Then ask them to read and answer the questions aloud. Then ask the person if they believe what they have read.

Another approach is to refer to the guide while inviting the person to read the scripture verses from their Bible. Then after each reading, ask the corresponding questions from the guide.

If you are not yet a Christian, simply read the scriptures and answer the questions for yourself. If you decide you want to become a Christian as described in this guide, contact the person who gave you this booklet or find a Christian community by doing searches on the internet.

God bless you as you seek the peace that only God can give.

FORETOLD

[Read Isaiah 53](#) (written in the 8th century before Christ)

Question: Who is this chapter speaking about?

GOD WITH US

[Read Matthew 1:21-23](#) She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will **save his people from their sins**. All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: “The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel (which means “**God with us**”).

Question: According to the verses above, who is Jesus and what was he to save people from?

Do you believe it?

[Read John 1:1-3,14](#) In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and **the Word was God**. He was with God in the beginning. **Through him all things were made;**

without him nothing was made that has been made.... The **Word became flesh** and lived among us.

Question: According to the verses above, who was the Word?

Do you believe it?

Read John 20:28-29 Thomas said to him, “**My Lord and my God!**” Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

Question: According to the verses above, who is Jesus?

Do you believe it?

DEATH, BURIAL, AND RESURRECTION OF CHRIST

Read 1 Corinthians 15:1-4 Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. **By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word** I preached to you. Otherwise, you have

believed in vain. For what I received I passed on to you as of **first importance**: that **Christ died for our sins** according to the Scriptures, that he was **buried**, that he was **raised on the third day** according to the Scriptures....

Question: According to the verses above, what must we believe that is of first importance?

Do you believe it?

THE LAMB SACRIFICED FOR OUR SINS

[Read John 1:29](#) The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look, the Lamb of God, who **takes away the sin of the world!**

[Read 1 John 4:10](#) This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and **sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.**

Question: According to the verses above, what did Jesus do?

Do you believe it?

WHAT JESUS WANTS EVERYONE TO DO

[Read Matthew 28:18-20](#) Then Jesus came to them and said, All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and **make disciples of all nations, baptizing them** in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and **teaching them to obey** everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.

[Read Mark 16:15-16](#) He said to them, Go into all the world and **preach the gospel to all** creation. **Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved**, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.

Question: According to the verses above, what does Jesus want everyone to believe and do to be saved?

Do you believe it?

FORGIVENESS OF SINS

Read Luke 24:46-49 He told them, “This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, **beginning at Jerusalem**. You are witnesses of these things. I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

Question: According to the verses above, where would forgiveness of sins in Jesus’ name begin to be preached to all nations?

Do you believe it?

Several days after the above words were spoken, the disciples were in Jerusalem.

Read Acts 2:14,36-41 Then Peter stood up with the Eleven (apostles), raised his voice and addressed the crowd.... “Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.” When the people heard this, they were cut to

the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” Peter replied, **“Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.** The promise is for you and your children and **for all who are far off**—for all whom the Lord our God will call.” With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” **Those who accepted his message were baptized,** and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

Question: According to the verses above, what two things were the people told to do to receive forgiveness of sins and the Holy Spirit? Is the same promise also for us today? What did people do when they accepted the message?

Do you believe it?

CRUCIFIED WITH HIM

Read Romans 6:1-4,6 What shall we say, then? **Shall we go on sinning** so that grace may increase? By no means! We are those who have **died to sin**; how can we live in it any longer? Or don't you know that all of us who were **baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life....** 6 For we know that **our old self was crucified with him** so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should **no longer be slaves to sin...**

Questions: According to the verses above, how do we enter into Christ and his death, in order to live a new life? When is a person crucified with Christ, to give up sin?

Do you believe it?

HOW TO BE HAPPY

Read Acts 8:32-39 This is the passage of Scripture (Isaiah 53) the eunuch was reading:

“He was led like a sheep to the slaughter, and as a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he did not open his mouth. In his humiliation he was deprived of justice. Who can speak of his descendants? For his life was taken from the earth.”

The eunuch asked Philip, “Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?” Then Philip **began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus.** As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and **the eunuch said, “Look, here is water. What can stand in the way of my being baptized?”** And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch **went down into the water** and Philip baptized him. When **they came up out of the water**, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him again, but **went on his way rejoicing.**

Question: According to the verses above, what does the eunuch want to do immediately after he was told the good news about Jesus? When does the eunuch rejoice? Why do you think he was so happy?

Do you believe it?

WHY BE BAPTIZED?

Read Acts 22:16 And now what are you waiting for? Get up, **be baptized and wash your sins away**, calling on his name.

Question: According to the verse above, why should one be baptized?

Do you believe it?

I wonder if you have thought about being baptized for the forgiveness of your sins and to start a new life following the teaching of Christ.

ENCOURAGING WORDS

[Read 2 Timothy 1:10](#) ...it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has **destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light** through the gospel.

[Read 2 Peter 1:16](#) For **we did not follow cleverly devised stories** when we told you about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in power, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty.

[Read 1 Peter 1:3-6](#) Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us **new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead**, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, who through faith are **shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. In all this you greatly rejoice**, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials.

Question: Do you want to be happy knowing your sins are forgiven and hopeful that you will go to heaven when you die? What will you do?



Sixth century immersion baptismal basin at
Nocera Superiore, Italy



Crucified with Christ

Fourth century immersion baptismal basin in the shape of a cross, San Pedro Alcántara, southern Spain

SHALL WE GO ON SINNING AFTER BAPTISM?

Read Romans 6:1-5 What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were **baptized into his death?** We were therefore **buried**

with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, **we too may live a new life.**

For **if** we have been united with him in **a death like his**, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his.

Read Romans 6:6-13 For we know that **our old self was crucified with him** so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin— because anyone who has died has been set free from sin.

Now **if we died with Christ**, we believe that we will also live with him. For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God.

In the same way, **count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus**. Therefore **do not let sin reign** in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. **Do not offer any part**

of yourself to sin as an instrument of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer every part of yourself to him as an instrument of righteousness.

Read Galatians 2:20 I have been **crucified with Christ** and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Read Colossians 2:12-13 having been **buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him** through your faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead. When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, **God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins...**

Questions: According to the verses above, when is one done with sin, crucified with Christ, made alive with Christ, and forgiven of sins?

Read 1 Peter 3:20-21 ...in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, and this water symbolizes **baptism that now saves you also**—not the removal of dirt from the body but **the pledge** of a clear conscience toward God. **It saves you** by the resurrection of Jesus Christ...

Question: According to the verses above, what saves you? What is our pledge to keep a clear conscience before God?

Do you believe it?



Immersion baptism of Christ, depicted by Paolo Veneziano, artist of the 14th century, Venice, Italy

WHAT ABOUT LITTLE CHILDREN?

[Read Matthew 18:2-5](#) He called a little child to him, and placed the child among them. And he said: “Truly I tell you, unless you **change and become like little children**, you will never

enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And **whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.**”

Question: According to verses above, what is the spiritual condition of little children?

Read Acts 8:12 But when they believed Philip as he proclaimed the good news of the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, **they were baptized, both men and women.**

Question: According to the verse above, what did people do when they heard the good news of the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ? Were little children baptized?

Do you believe it? What will you do?

CAN ONE BE FORGIVEN AFTER BAPTISM?

Read Acts 8:13,18-23 Simon himself **believed and was baptized....** When Simon saw that the Spirit was given at the laying on of the apostles’ hands, he offered them money and

said, "Give me also this ability so that everyone on whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy Spirit."

Peter answered: "May your money perish with you, because you thought you could buy the gift of God with money! You have no part or share in this ministry, because your heart is not right before God. **Repent of this wickedness and pray to the Lord in the hope that he may forgive you** for having such a thought in your heart. For I see that you are full of bitterness and captive to sin."

Question: According to the verses above, what was Simon told to do to be forgiven when he sinned after being baptized?

Do you believe it?

Read 1 John 1:8-9 If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. **If we confess our sins**, he is faithful and just and **will forgive us our sins** and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Read 1 John 2:1 My dear children, I write this to you **so that you will not sin**. But **if anybody**

does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.

Question: According to the verses above, how can we be forgiven of sins committed after baptism?

Do you believe it?

HOW TO STAY FAITHFUL TO GOD

[Read Hebrews 3:12-14](#) See to it, brothers and sisters, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God. But **encourage one another daily**, as long as it is called “Today,” so that none of you may be hardened by sin’s deceitfulness. We have come to share in Christ, if indeed we **hold our original conviction firmly to the very end**.

[Read Hebrews 10:24-25](#) And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, **not giving up meeting together**, as some are in the habit of doing, but **encouraging one another**—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Question: According to the verses above, what can help us stay faithful to the end?

Do you believe it? What will you do?

A FINAL QUESTION: HOW SOON WERE PEOPLE BAPTIZED?

Read Acts 2:40-41 With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” **Those who accepted his message were baptized**, and about three thousand were added to their number **that day**.

Read Acts 8: 35-38 Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture (Isaiah 53) and told him the good news about Jesus. As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, “**Look, here is water. What can stand in the way of my being baptized?**” And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him.

Read Acts 16: 32-33 Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all the others in his

house. At **that hour of the night** the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then **immediately** he and all his household were **baptized**.

Question: According to the verses above, how soon were people baptized after they heard the message or good news about Jesus? Why do you think they wanted to be baptized so soon?

What will you do?

Are you thinking of being baptized to receive the forgiveness of your sins, new life, and the Holy Spirit?

To find someone to assist you to be baptized, email Daniel at collegemhc@gmail.com

Messianic Prophecies Fulfilled

**HOW CAN WE KNOW JESUS IS THE ONE WHO
WAS PROMISED TO SAVE THE WORLD?**

"As to this salvation, the prophets who prophesied of the grace that would come to you made careful searches and inquiries, seeking to know what person or time the Spirit of Christ within them was indicating as He predicted the sufferings of Christ and the glories to follow. It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves, but you, in these things which now have been announced to you through those who preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven-- things into which angels long to look."

- 1 Peter 1:10-12

Given the eyewitness accounts of the life of Jesus of Nazareth are accurate, the following details selected below out of hundreds contained in ancient Hebrew writings (Old Testament) that pre-date Jesus, appear to confirm his identity as the Messiah, the promised one who would save Israel as well as the Gentiles who turn to God.

1. He would be born in the town of Bethlehem. - Micah 5:2 (700 BC) fulfilled in Matthew 2:1-6

Micah 5:2 But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times.

Matthew 2:1-5 After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem

and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. When he had called together all the people’s chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. “In Bethlehem in Judea,” they replied, “for this is what the prophet has written...”

2. He would be born of a virgin. - Isaiah 7:14
(700 BC) fulfilled in Matthew 1:18-25

Isaiah 7:14 Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.

Matthew 1:18 This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before

they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit.

3. He would perform miracles. – Isaiah 35:5-6 (700 BC) fulfilled in all the gospel accounts
Isaiah 35:5-6 Then will the eyes of the blind be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped. Then will the lame leap like a deer, and the mute tongue shout for joy.

4. He would calm the storm. - Psalm 107:29 (1000 BC) fulfilled in Mark 4:39

Psalm 107:29 He stilled the storm to a whisper; the waves of the sea were hushed.

Mark 4:39 He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, “Quiet! Be still!” Then the wind died down and it was completely calm.

5. He would speak in parables. – Psalm 78:2 (1000 BC) fulfilled in Mark 4:34

Psalm 78:2 I will open my mouth with a parable; I will utter hidden things, things from of old.

Mark 4:34 He did not say anything to them without using a parable. But when he was alone with his own disciples, he explained everything.

6. He would enter Jerusalem as a lowly king, riding on a donkey. – Zechariah 9:9 (500 BC) fulfilled in Matthew 21:6-9

Zechariah 9:9 Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout, Daughter Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

Matthew 21:6-8 The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on

them for Jesus to sit on. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.

7. The price of his betrayal would be thirty pieces of silver. – Zechariah 11:12-13 (500 BC) fulfilled in Matthew 26:14-15 and Matthew 27:3-10

Zechariah 11:12-13 I told them, “If you think it best, give me my pay; but if not, keep it.” So they paid me thirty pieces of silver. And the Lord said to me, “Throw it to the potter”—the handsome price at which they valued me! So I took the thirty pieces of silver and threw them to the potter at the house of the Lord.

Matthew 26:14-15 Then one of the Twelve—the one called Judas Iscariot—went to the chief priests and asked, “What are you willing

to give me if I deliver him over to you?" So they counted out for him thirty pieces of silver.

Matthew 27:3-10 When Judas, who had betrayed him, saw that Jesus was condemned, he was seized with remorse and returned the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders. "I have sinned," he said, "for I have betrayed innocent blood."

"What is that to us?" they replied. "That's your responsibility." So Judas threw the money into the temple and left. Then he went away and hanged himself. The chief priests picked up the coins and said, "It is against the law to put this into the treasury, since it is blood money." So they decided to use the money to buy the potter's field as a burial place for foreigners.

8. His death would be as a sacrificial lamb. –
Isaiah 53:5-8,10-11 (700 BC) fulfilled in John 1:29

Isaiah 53:5-8 But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed. We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. By oppression and judgment he was taken away. Yet who of his generation protested? For he was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people he was punished.

John 1:29 The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"

9. Lots would be cast for his garment. – Psalm 22:18 (1000 BC) fulfilled in John 19:23-24

Psalm 22:18 They divide my clothes among them and cast lots for my garment.

John 19:23-24 When the soldiers crucified Jesus, they took his clothes, dividing them into four shares, one for each of them, with the undergarment remaining. This garment was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom. “Let’s not tear it,” they said to one another. “Let’s decide by lot who will get it.” This happened that the scripture might be fulfilled that said, “They divided my clothes among them and cast lots for my garment.” So this is what the soldiers did.

10. His manner of death (crucifixion): hands and feet pierced. – Psalm 22:16 (1000 BC) fulfilled in Matthew 27:38 (see *nail marks in his hands* in John 20:25)

Psalm 22:16 Dogs surround me, a pack of villains encircles me; they pierce my hands and my feet.

John 20:25 So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord!” But he said to them, “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.”

11. Specific words would be spoken by those mocking him at his death. – Psalm 22:7,8 (1000 BC) fulfilled in Matthew 27:42-43

Psalm 22:7,8 All who see me mock me; they hurl insults, shaking their heads. “He trusts in the Lord,” they say, “let the Lord rescue him. Let him deliver him, since he delights in him.”

Matthew 27:42-43 “He saved others,” they said, “but he can’t save himself! He’s the king of Israel! Let him come down now from the

cross, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God. Let God rescue him now if he wants him, for he said, 'I am the Son of God.'”

12. He would be buried in a rich man's tomb.

– Isaiah 53:9 (700 BC) fulfilled in Matthew 27:57-60

Isaiah 53:9 He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death, though he had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth.

Matthew 27:57-60 As evening approached, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who had himself become a disciple of Jesus. Going to Pilate, he asked for Jesus' body, and Pilate ordered that it be given to him. Joseph took the body, wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, and placed it in his own new tomb that he had cut out of the rock.

13. After his death, he would return to life. –
Isaiah 53:10-11 (700 BC) fulfilled in Matthew
28:5-6

Isaiah 53:10-11 Yet it was the Lord's will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though the Lord makes his life an offering for sin, he will see his offspring and prolong his days, and the will of the Lord will prosper in his hand. After he has suffered, he will see the light of life and be satisfied; by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and he will bear their iniquities.

Matthew 28:5-6 The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay."

14. He would be Light to the Gentiles. – Isaiah 42:1; Isaiah 49:6 (700 BC) fulfilled in Luke 2:29-32

Isaiah 42:1 “Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him, and he will bring justice to the nations.”

Isaiah 49:6 he says: “It is too small a thing for you to be my servant to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back those of Israel I have kept. I will also make you a light for the Gentiles, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.”

Luke 2:29-32 “Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you may now dismiss your servant in peace. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all nations: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel.”

15. He would bring a new testament or covenant. – Jeremiah 31:31 (600 BC) fulfilled in Luke 22:20

Jeremiah 31:31 “The days are coming,” declares the Lord, “when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah.”

Luke 22:20 In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you."

Do you believe Jesus of Nazareth is the one who was foretold by the ancient Hebrew prophets; the divine son of God who came to earth, died for the sins of the world, and rose to life again?

WHAT PEOPLE SAY ABOUT THIS BOOK

Phyllis B. (Oklahoma-Catholic) "It is so inspirational! Just the little I've read, brought me to God's dwelling place, and I can see how it'd be very effective! Very beautiful, Daniel!"

Cherylyn Roddenberry (Florida – Mennonite)
"I believe there is great potential for effectiveness. It is well written and the questions are thought provoking. I think it would be a great witnessing tool."

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Sean St. Jean (Vancouver- Church of Christ) "I just read through your booklet and I really like it. Specifically, I like that it is Jesus-focused, built on

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Nathaniel Ogden Kidd (Wisconsin – Anglican)

“Without question, to the extent it IS effective, it is a very clear testament to the Scriptures as the core and foundation of Christian faith and theology. I appreciate that emphasis -- whatever ways we win people to Christ, this certainly needs to be emphasized, and the sooner we can get people thinking this way, the better.”

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West Nigeria Christian College: “The booklet is definitely a solid potential and very effective means of evangelism. It has a general link of better understanding of salvation. God bless you.”

Diana Cooper (California - Baptist) “Hello Daniel, I very much enjoyed your booklet, and I think that it has the potential for effectiveness in the very best of ways. I understood it; in fact it was very well understood. I personally liked the layout, and being a child of God is a very special place. Yes we ask for forgiveness through Jesus Christ, but we also need to be baptized. I would enjoy reading some other books, God Bless.”

Roger L. Leonard (Georgia - Church of Christ) “I think the booklet is clear and straightforward. Well done. Do you mind sharing the program used to make this electronic book?”

Towers Chelsea (Tennessee) “I enjoy reading and found it very interesting from the start. It started off well. The time flow was well designed. I was very impressed with the visual pictures that were added. I was trying also to figure out what particular audience of readers you were or maybe applying to in this book. Could you have been writing to someone who backslide and need a refresher or a person who do not know Christ at all who needs a starter? But according to your title the answer is well enough said. I say thank you for writing such material and hope to see you continue to share God's words. Thanks.”

Denise Gansmann (Illinois – Pentecostal) “Well it seemed OK to me....a person new to Christianity needs simple basics to receivehad some nice pics to it to help it be interesting...is simple so I like it.”

Katherine Mary Martin Osb (Alabama – Anglican) “Daniel, several thoughts and questions: Who is the intended reader? Your Denomination only? Looks like a booklet to be discussed with someone who has knowledge. Not sure it is a stand-alone

booklet without a mentor. But would be a good "structure" for a 1 on 1 discussion set. Thanks for allowing me the privilege of reading and the gift of time to respond."

Christa Smith (British Columbia – Church of Christ)
"First of all, I really appreciate you made a resource to this end. I think this is important. One thing I've learned over the past few years in ministry is the need for breaking things down for people, helping them interpret what is going on in their lives. I really like the part on baptism, particularly how you've incorporated the photos of the baptisms you came across while in Europe. Visuals are great tools, so I wonder if you would insert more throughout the booklet? I think my main piece of feedback is this: I like the walking through the many aspects of coming to understand the person of Jesus and His mission, and really believe it's important for us to proclaim our belief in Him and His work."

Adaeze Emilia Mbakwe (Nigeria – Catholic)
"Viewed it on Academia and consider it a good medium for spreading the Gospel. This simple

booklet contains basic truths about our faith which every Christian should know and answers certain questions which the curiosity of a new believer may raise. The questions you ask after each Bible Verse makes one think deeply about what the verse says and come to their own decision about it. Keep up the good work.”

Karen Songe (Louisiana – Catholic) “I find this guide *How to Become a Christian*, to be very well laid out for the person discerning becoming a Christian, but more than that, it gives basic answers to many Catholics who were not properly catechized in their formative years. This of course has been the cause of a number of Catholics turning away from the Church or even turning to another religion. This Guide reminds me of the Baltimore Catechism, which was the way many of us learned about the Catholic faith. I am on our RCIA team and believe it to be one effective tool to those Catholics who were baptized, but never were catechized and did not receive the other Sacraments of the Church. I believe you did a great job in putting this together and offering it at no cost, showing us where your

heart is. Hopefully this will lead to other material to help many in their journey to follow the narrow path to the Father.”

James D. Suiter (Tennessee – Church of Christ) “I have read, posted and sent to many! Great book!!”